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Honorable Wright Patman
Chairman, Joint Economic Committee
Congress of the United States
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Patman:

In the absence of Mr. McCone, I am responding to your letter of 24 May 1962 requesting assistance in the preparation of a Committee report on economic growth in the USSR.

We shall, of course, be most pleased to assist in this effort by preparing brief papers on the subjects specified in your letter of 24 May. With respect to one of these, "State Budget: Real Cost of the Soviet Military Establishment," there is a genuine question of our ability to provide a meaningful unclassified analysis. However, we shall explore this question thoroughly and when a decision has been reached, we shall be in touch with Mr. Herman.

25X1 [redacted] of our Office of Research and Reports has been designated to work with Mr. Herman on this matter.

Faithfully,

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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